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SUBJECT: PROCEDURES FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM

REF: (A) STATE 103418 (B) 167763, AUG 1, 1974

1. WITH REFERENCE TO PROCEDURES FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM (REFTEL A) EMBASSY APPRECIATES "DELICACY OF FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS IN CANADA." IN PREPARING RECENT VISIT TO US OF PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCES, EMBASSY AND USIS FAITHFULLY FOLLOWED PROCEDURES AGREED LAST AUGUST (REFTEL B) AND ENTERPRISE IS REPORTED AS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL.

2. IN EMBARKING ON PROGRAM OF SELECTING PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS AS INTERNATIONAL VISITORS, EMBASSY WAS MOTIVATED, WITH AVAILABILITY MORE FUNDS THAN PREVIOUSLY, BY DESIRE REACH OUT FROM NATIONAL CAPITAL TO IMPORTANT PROVINCIAL CAPITALS AND ENABLE US CONSULS GENERAL TO IMPROVE THEIR LOCAL CONNECTIONS. RATIONALE WAS ALSO THAT THE MORE THESE CONTACTS KNEW OF US AND US-CANADIAN PROBLEMS, THE BETTER OUR OVER-ALL US-CANADIAN RELATIONS COULD BE. THERE WAS CERTAINLY NO INTENTION VITIATE CENTRALITY OR INFLUENCE OF OTTAWA, BUT RATHER THE OPPOSITE. (ABOVE POINTS HAVE BEEN MADE ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS TO EXTAFF OFFICIALS).

3. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY CAN AGREE WITH PROCEDURES OUTLINED REFTEL (A) WITH EXCEPTION IN CASE PARA 2C. EMBASSY WOULD BE PREPARED SIGN INVITATIONS TO GRANTEES, BUT WOULD FAR PREFER THEY BE DELIVERED LOCALLY BY CG'S IN ORDER TO PUT THEM IN PICTURE AND ACCORD THEM PROPER CREDIT. FYI. NOMINEES WOULD IN NORMAL PRACTICE HAVE BEEN SELECTED AND SOUNDED OUT BY

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CG'S ANYWAY WELL IN ADVANCE OF FIRST FORMAL STEP CONTEMPLATED

IN PARA 2A. END FYI.
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